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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
THOMAS Q. HU ET AL  
Serial No. 10/770,474  
Filed February 4, 2004

For: BLEACHING AND BRIGHTNESS STABILIZATION  
OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIALS WITH WATER-SOLUBLE  
PHOSPHINES OR PHOSPHONIUM COMPOUNDS

Group Art Unit 1731

Examiner – Eric J. Hug

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 4, 2006.

Claim amendments in response and remarks are submitted hereinafter  
commencing on new pages.